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Ormet Corporation Superfund Site

Monroe County, Ohio

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Environmental investigators use a stainless steel hand auger to collect samples of sludge from the Ormet Corporation Superfund site. The samples of sludge will be tested for the presence of hazardous chemicals.



Information Repository

An information repository contains laws, work plans, community relations plans, and other documents relevant to the investigation and cleanup of Superfund sites. If you would like additional information about the Superfund program or specific activities at the Ormet Corporation Superfund site, you are encouraged to read the various documents contained in the information repositories listed below:

United States Post Office
Hannibal, Ohio 43931
(614) 483-2287

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New Martinsville, West Virginia 26155
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The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) are supervising an environmental investigation of the Ormet Corporation Superfund site. The investigation began in February 1988 and will identify the types and amounts of contaminants at and near the Ormet property. The investigation helps U.S. EPA and Ohio EPA determine if the contaminants threaten public health or the environment.

Investigation Activities Completed

The following activities were completed during phase one of the investigation:

- Samples of surface water, ground water, as well as surface soils, subsurface soils, and sediment were collected at and near the Ormet property. A U.S. EPA approved laboratory tested all samples for the presence of hazardous chemicals.
- Air quality at certain locations was analyzed for the presence of potentially hazardous dust particles and vapors.

The first phase of the environmental investigation at the Ormet Corporation Superfund site was recently completed. Phase two of the investigation is now underway. Activities included in phase two of the investigation supplement phase one activities and are based on the results of phase one of the investigation. Ormet Corporation is located in Monroe County, along the Ohio River, north of Hannibal, Ohio.

- Data from previous environmental investigations of the site have been reviewed to assist in identifying contaminants present at the site and to evaluate characteristics of the environment at and near the site.

Phase two of the investigation includes the following activities:

- Ground water is being sampled and analyzed to more thoroughly define and confirm the characteristics of the aquifer beneath the site, identify ground-water contaminants, and learn more about how the contaminants move within the aquifer.
- The investigation of the construction

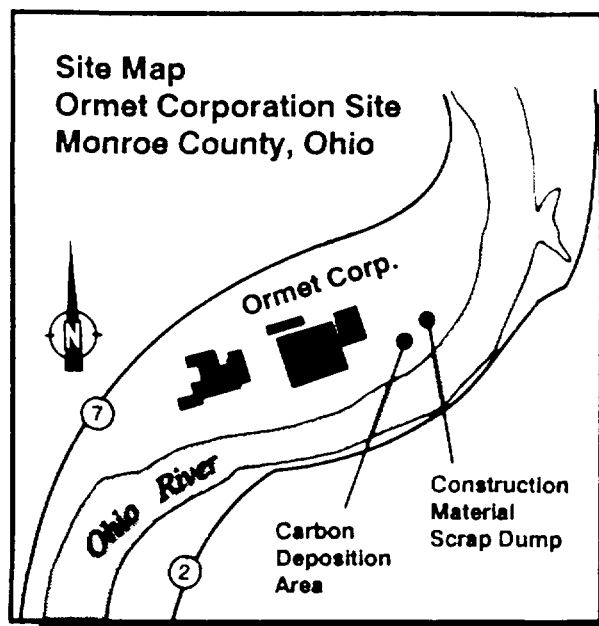
material scrap dump is being expanded to define the types of contaminants within and originating from this area.

- The investigation of the carbon runoff and deposition area is being expanded to define the boundaries of the area and to determine thickness of the carbon material.
- The Ohio River sediment sampling program is being expanded to define the extent and type of contamination within river sediment along the Ormet property.

What's Next at Ormet?

After phase two of the investigation is completed, U.S. EPA will provide the community with an update which will explain the results of the investigation. A copy of the remedial investigation report will be available at the U.S. EPA information repositories.

Ormet Corporation, under the supervision of U.S. EPA and Ohio EPA, will then evaluate ways to best address contamination problems found at the Ormet property. The remedial investigation will provide the basis for selecting a cleanup method for the property. The cleanup proposal selected for the Ormet Corporation Superfund site must protect public health and the environment in a cost-effective manner. Before any final decision is made regarding the cleanup, the members of the community will be given the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed cleanup method.



For More Information

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